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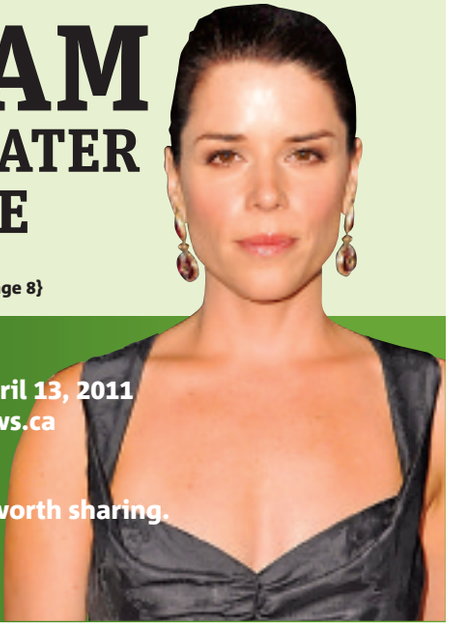

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News worth sharing.

Fontana says NHL team worth a look

U of T study says Canada could double its number of NHL franchises **No plans to expand, relocate: NHL chief**

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An NHL team in London? It's worth a look, Mayor Joe Fontana says.

A new study says London could support a big-league team, and Fontana says it's an opportunity worth investigating.

"If other people are talking about the city of London — we've obviously got the population and the sporting fans, we've got the space," he said. "We'd love to look at it."

The 43-page study, from the Mowat Centre for Policy Innovation at the University of Toronto, counts London among six Canadian cities that could support the NHL, along with Kitchener-Waterloo and Hamilton.

"If there was to be another one in southwestern Ontario, there's no doubt: I think we've got an awful lot more to offer than Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo," said Fontana.

The U of T report gives London low marks for the JLC, saying it's "nowhere near big enough for the NHL."

So?

"You might be able to expand the JLC," Fontana said, undeterred. "You'd have to take a look at the way it was constructed to see if there's any opportunities to expand that, or look at another venue ...

"Obviously with public-private partnerships and the possibilities, I think one could deal with that."

When asked what the next step would be to bring an NHL team to London, Fontana said he intended to read the report.

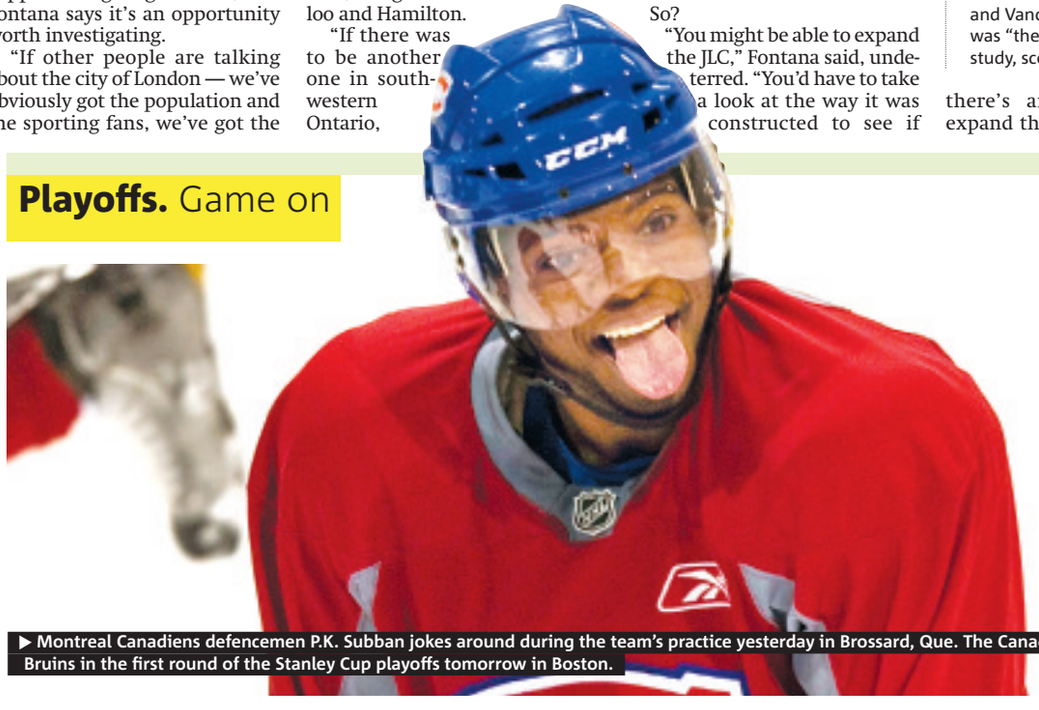
"Hockey is a natural for us," he said. "If there's any opportunity to look at those opportunities — of course we should be looking at that. And we've got a perfect location, right at the 401."

Draft order?

The New Economics of the NHL:

- The study gave London a grade of B, behind the GTA, Hamilton, Montreal, Kitchener-Waterloo and Vancouver, saying the city was "the sleeper candidate in our study, scoring surprisingly well."

Playoffs. Game on



▶ Montreal Canadiens defencemen P.K. Subban jokes around during the team's practice yesterday in Brossard, Que. The Canadiens play the Bruins in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs tomorrow in Boston.

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Taking centre ice

The Stanley Cup playoffs begin tonight as Washington hosts the New York Rangers, Pittsburgh hosts Tampa Bay, and Vancouver faces defending champion Chicago. Tonight's other games are Phoenix at Detroit, and Nashville at Anaheim. Check out our playoff preview, page 15.

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Sunshine. Strumming

▶ Aaron Lozynsky, a self-employed music teacher, enjoys a sunny and warm morning with his guitar in Victoria Park yesterday.

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Enjoy this while it lasts

Warm temperatures are set to continue for the rest of the week, although rain is forecast for the weekend.

Police hope students learn civic lesson

6-year-old project targets areas known for rowdy behaviour, mischief, vandalism and violence

Planning on throwing that epic bash to celebrate the end of another school year? That's great, but be warned: If the party gets out of hand, London police have their eyes on you.

Today marks the start of another Project LEARN (Liquor Enforcement and Reduction in Noise) campaign by police. Areas around Western and Fanshawe as well as Richmond Row will be targeted until the end of April.

"This program was initiated to bring back a sense of respect amongst the teens," said Const. Dennis Rivest of London police, adding that students themselves are not the focus. "What is being targeted is the behaviour."

In years past, areas such as Fleming Drive near Fanshawe have seen massive parties and many related incidents of vandalism.

"It's absolutely not reflective of the students of Fanshawe as a whole, but there are a few unruly ones that don't understand the responsibility of going out and being on your own for the first time," said Joe Scalia, president of the Fanshawe Students Union.

But change is coming about as schools and police are working with students.

"Students understand that police are out there giving tickets, but they also understand that police are there doing their job and trying to protect them," said Glenn Matthews, adviser for Western and Fanshawe. KYLE REA

Charges laid

- **Fall 2010:** 57 criminal charges, 1,725 other offences (for drinking, noise, etc.).
- **Spring 2010:** 41 criminal, 514 other.
- **Fall 2009:** 81 criminal, 1,657 other.
- **Spring 2009:** 35 criminal, 419 other.

Prof gets $1M to study mental illness

A London researcher has received $1 million in funding from the Community-University Research Alliance.

Dr. Cheryl Forchuk, assistant director at Lawson and professor at Western, will try to better understand the relationship between poverty and societal inclusion for individuals with mental illnesses. METRO

Youth in custody on sex charges

A 15-year-old London boy is facing child porn charges.

Police say the arrest was the culmination of an undercover investigation. AM980/AM980.CA

Every rock festival has its headliner

Popular '80s band Poison have been confirmed as headliners for the opening day of Rock the Park, set for July 21-23 at Harris Park. The band, reunited with lead singer Bret Michaels, will perform as part of the band's 25th anniversary reunion tour.

Rock The Park is a fundraiser for the Bethany's Hope Foundation. METRO

London. Police

▶ Auxiliary police officers, from left, Const. Rob Ross, Sgt. Brian Loucks, Const. Rhea Campbell, Sgt. Corinne Sparks and Const. Brian Kendrick. Six auxiliary officers from the London Police Service have been recognized for their years of volunteer service.

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Volunteer heroes

Cleaning up for spring

Two-day citywide project to draw 10,000-plus volunteers: Organizer

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▶ Rick Barnes, left, Ron Scarfone, centre, owner of Joe Kool's bar and restaurant, and Matthew Steele clean graffiti off a mailbox on Richmond Street, one of the activities they'll be doing on Saturday as part of London Clean and Green.

It's that little extra polish that takes the City of London from winter's leftovers and vaults it into spring. It's London Clean and Green, a two-day project that kicks off on Friday and continues into Saturday.

"It's a great chance to clean up the city in time for spring," said Carmela Ianni, spokeswoman for the cleanup committee.

Things kick off with the 20-minute makeover on Friday "to encourage ... small, medium or large businesses to take 20 minutes out of your day to clean and green London," Ianni said.

On Saturday, things kick into high gear with citywide cleanup events. Ianni explained there will be six or more locations set up throughout London where people can pick up garbage bags and plastic gloves so they can clean up their own neighbourhood.

Removing graffiti will also be a priority and supplies will be distributed to community volunteers.

Ianni said such community-based cleanups are encouraged, the largest one being a 100-plus-person effort and tree-planting project for Veterans Memorial Parkway on Saturday.

For more news, visit metronews.ca/london

Details

- Register for the cleanup at cleangreenlondon.ca or by phone at 519-661-4570. Visit the event's Facebook page at facebook.com/londonclean green.
- London Clean and Green started in 1996 when a group of employees from Joe Kool's bar and grill decided to clean up garbage and graffiti.
- Clean and Green meeting sites include: Covent Garden Market, Argyle Arena (Wavell Street east of Clarke Road), Springbank Park, and Wal-Mart at Hyde Park and Fanshawe Park Road West.
- An estimated four dump trucks full of garbage were cleaned up in 2010.

COUPLE RECOVER LOST WEDDING CASH

Oxford OPP have located the owners of a large sum of money found in Ingersoll last month and the rightful owners couldn't be happier.

Jolene Rijnen and her fiancé, Ty Thibideau, thought the envelope containing $724 for their wedding was long gone. But after hearing the story last week that police were looking for the owners of a large quantity of cash, they called OPP.

Doug Hutcheson, 54, was the Good Samaritan who found the cash and turned it over to police.

"My wife and I and the dog were out for a walk, and we stumbled across it," Hutcheson said.

"(The couple) were very happy. Actually, we know them. The gentleman that's going to be in the wedding, he's actually a good friend of my son's."

"There's a lot of people out of work. A lot of people would just put it in their pocket and carry on."

DOUG HUTCHESON, GOOD SAMARITAN

The couple picked up their cash in Ingersoll correctly describing the sum, the type of envelope used and specific writings on the envelope.

The money had been lost March 6 as they were heading out to do some shopping for their July 9 wedding. They said they didn't think they'd ever get it back.

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Greens refuse to be muzzled

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Young Green party supporters stood with duct tape across their mouths in the crowd of shouting Conservative, Liberal and NDP partisans on Rideau Street before the federal leaders' televised debate yesterday.

The tape signified Green party Leader Elizabeth May's exclusion from the debate, but they took it off to explain that to passing reporters and shout jeers and cheers of their own.

"They spend their tax dollars like they use gas — they're wasting it," shouted youth vote co-ordinator Jonathan Halasz as two Conservative party buses drove by honking.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

▶ Green party supporters protest on Rideau Street during the election debates in Ottawa, yesterday.

Punches thrown at PM in debate

Harper asks for majority ◐ Rivals attack him on accountability, spending practices, economic policy

Election 2011

Prime Minister Stephen Harper played defence against a three-man rush from his political rivals and their charges of deception, dubious spending practices and secretive, conspiratorial government.

His only offensive: Give the Conservatives a majority or "we're going to be back into a fifth election in no time at all," Harper said, during yesterday's debate.

The rest of the time, Harper was under attack.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe urged Harper to explain a draft report from the auditor general that calls into question Conservative spending practices.

Harper's principal rivals, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and the NDP's Jack Layton, jumped into the fray.

"The Conservative party is the problem here when it comes to the economy," Layton said. He cited "right-wing" policies of deregulation and corporate tax cuts as reasons "why people can't make ends meet, why so many people are still out of work."

Ignatieff accused Harper of failing Canadians by pushing corporate tax cuts, which the Liberals would cancel in order to pay for a student grants program.

"That's a billion-dollar investment ... you spent that in 72 hours on the G8/G20 photo-op."

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▶ A Harper clown rallies outside the Government Conference Centre before the English-language federal election debate in Ottawa, yesterday.

Liberal shipbuilding plan angers N.S. premier

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter says he will write to Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to express his disappointment over the federal party's position on a massive national shipbuilding program.

Media reports say party officials in Quebec have promised that a Liberal government would push back a deadline requiring the Davie Shipyard to demonstrate solvency, one of the conditions for bid submissions under Ottawa's shipbuilding strategy.

The Quebec yard is in competition with three other shipyards including the Irving-owned facility in Halifax to build combat and non-combat vessels under the $35-billion plan.

Dexter said Nova Scotia wants the procurement process to proceed free of political interference.

"I would hope the considered opinion of Mr. Ignatieff would be to support the fair and open procurement process that is currently underway," Dexter said yesterday. "And I hope that in considering his opinion he would understand the value of the existing rules."

Dexter said the Liberal party's promise to move the deadline to July 7 from May 18 was "unacceptable."

Provincial Liberal Leader Stephen MacNeil said the premier was playing politics and it's his understanding that all deadlines have been pushed back to July 7 because of the federal election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-prostitute, fraudster partied at 24 Sussex

Disgraced former Stephen Harper aide Bruce Carson brought a reported ex-prostitute and money-launderer to 24 Sussex Drive to meet with the prime minister and his wife during a party at the official residence, the Conservatives have confirmed.

Barbara Lynn Khan and her then-beau Carson, who has been convicted on five counts of fraud, were among the guests at a going-away bash three years ago for the prime minister's departing chief of staff, Ian Brodie, a party spokesman said late yesterday.

"I can confirm that (Khan) was at Mr. Brodie's farewell party at 24 Sussex as Mr. Carson's guest," Conservative campaign spokesman Alykhan Velshi said in an email.

"It was a farewell party for a friend and colleague, not a government event."

The Globe and Mail reported that Khan was convicted in the United States in 2003 for maintaining a bawdy house, as well as aiding and abetting prostitution.

The newspaper, citing public records, reported Khan was convicted a year later of the more serious U.S. federal offence of money laundering.

She was subsequently deported to her native Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MURDER TRIAL

Edmonton filmmaker found guilty of murder

An aspiring Edmonton filmmaker has been convicted of murdering and dismembering a stranger in a plot that matched a movie script.

Mark Twitchell admitted he accidentally killed Johnny Altinger in October 2008 in a publicity hoax gone wrong.

But the jury opted to convict Twitchell on the original charge of first-degree murder.

The Crown argued Twitchell lured Altinger to a rented garage, killed him, cut him up and dumped the remains down a sewer.

The death matched a murder in a slasher movie Twitchell had filmed, which he wrote about on his laptop.

Twitchell testified he got Altinger to come to the garage by pretending to be a date the man had met on the Internet.

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Frigid NWT braved by ice runner

A 57-year-old woman has become what may be Canada's first ice road marathoner.

Alicja Barahona spent the weekend running the entire length of the ice road between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk in the Northwest Territories. And she ran it twice.

That's 370 kilometres and more than 76 hours of running in temperatures so cold, about -40 C, that at one point she almost fainted while trying to warm up.

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Car chase gets wild in Montreal

Seven people were injured on a busy Montreal highway yesterday after a wild car chase involving three police forces, tire spikes and gunfire.

The pursuit began north of the city when police tried to stop a car with three occupants.

One of the three was arrested, but the two others sped off in the vehicle toward the city. Police used tire spikes to try to stop the car but the suspects allegedly put the car in reverse and tried to run down officers.

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News in brief

First ticket issued in new veil ban

A woman has been ticketed in a suburban Paris shopping centre for wearing a face veil, in the first reported sanction under a new ban on the garments, police said yesterday.

Another woman in another Paris suburb was stopped for wearing a veil, but was let go with a warning.

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Pall's pickled penis on display

In life, Pall Arason sought attention. In death, he is getting it: The 95-year-old Icelander's pickled penis will be the main attraction in one of his country's most bizarre museums.

Arason's organ will help round out the Phallological Museum extensive collection of phalluses from whales, seals, bears and other mammals.

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UN: No gloss over Japanese nuclear levels

The UN nuclear agency says Japan's decision to wait until now to raise the level of the Fukushima nuclear crisis to the same as the 1986 Chornobyl disaster does not mean that authorities have been downplaying the disaster.

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Mubarak investigated, heart problems surface

Former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak has kept a low profile since deposition Sunday the ex-president issued a pre-recorded message saying he had not abused his authority Mubarak says he welcomes investigation

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In this September 2010 photo, Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak listens as Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak was abruptly hospitalized yesterday for heart problems during an investigation over allegations of corruption and the violence against protesters, reported state TV.

The 82-year-old former president was deposed Feb. 11 after 18 days of popular protests and has been under house arrest in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh for the last two months. The public prosecutor said Monday he would be questioned.

The protest movement that deposed Mubarak is now pushing for him to be brought to justice for what they say are decades of abuse and since Friday, hundreds have reoccupied parts of Tahrir Square in downtown Cairo.

Dozens of demonstrators picketed the hospital, denouncing the president and carrying a sign reading "Here is the butcher." They scuffled with supporters of Mubarak amid a massive security presence.

Two security officials said Mubarak arrived under heavy police protection to the main hospital and, according to two doctors in the hospital, he stepped out of his armoured Mercedes unaided and was taken to the presidential suite in the pyramid-shaped building.

The officials and doctors spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Alleged rape victim turns hero in Libya

Since Iman al-Obeidi burst into the hotel housing foreign journalists in Tripoli and accused pro-Gadhafi militiamen of gang-raping her, she says many people on the streets of the capital have recognized her and praised her bravery. Supportive cab drivers have refused to take her money and in the rebel-held east, she is hailed as a hero.

Recounting her story in graphic detail for the first time alone with two female reporters, al-Obeidi claimed she was brutalized for two days and wept as she recalled the ordeal. She said she was repeatedly raped by 15 different men — one of them a cousin of Gadhafi — who were drinking alcohol that they poured in her eyes, nose, mouth and vagina. She said she was sodomized with a Kalashnikov rifle. Al-Obeidi spoke to The Associated Press and another reporter at her home. It was a rare interview without Libyan government minders, who keep almost constant watch over dozens of foreign journalists.

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Iman al-Obeidi

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Missing from photo:
Brenda Butters, Toronto; John Martin, Mississauga; Allison McGhee, London.

Cheap flights could take wing with new airline

Rumoured Air Canada discount carrier would target rivals Transat, Sunwing, WestJet in vacation market

Air Canada's reported plans to launch a discount carrier could dish up competitive headaches for its rivals and lower airfares to vacation spots in Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe, industry analysts say.

Chris Murray of PI Financial Corp. says the new airline would ramp up pressure on the industry to reduce fares, at least until a rival is driven out of business. "In the short run there may be some bargains but ... I wouldn't expect it to be driving fares down to the craziness like we've seen before, the $1 to London flights," he says.

He adds that Air Canada likely wants to preserve its market share against Transat AT and Sunwing.

Neither Air Canada nor the pilots' and employees' unions would comment on the rumours.

But Transat spokesman Pierre Tessier said consumers stand to benefit if more seats are added to the market. "There's always been a lot of competition in the market and we're used to that," he said.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 195.46 (13,801.4)	– 0.72¢ (103.83¢ US)
Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
– $3.67 US ($106.25 US)	$4.064 US (– 4¢ US)
	Gold contracts
	$1,453.60 US (– $14.50 US)

Flip. Flop

▶ Cisco Systems is shutting down the Flip Video business it bought for $590 million US in 2009. The about-face comes after disappointing results and years of trying to diversify into consumer products.

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Cisco kills the video star

Cisco Systems Inc., the world's largest maker of computer networking gear, is killing its Flip Video camcorder business after years of trying to make inroads into consumer products. The San Jose, Calif., company says the shakeup will result in the loss of 550 jobs. A spokeswoman would not say whether Canadian employees would be affected.

No rate hike for now: Central bank

The Bank of Canada will keep the policy rate at one per cent for at least another seven weeks. The decision yesterday came despite a mostly upbeat assessment of the economy that predicts faster growth and a quicker return to full capacity. The bank's next date for an interest-rate announcement is May 31.

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Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

DON'T MESS WITH MAMA

Bolivia may be one of the poorest places on Earth, but it's rich in at least one commodity: Legislation.

It's about to pass the Mother of All Laws giving Mother Nature equal rights to human beings. In Bolivia, Ms. Nature goes by Pachamama, an Andean deity that is at the centre of all life. As soon as the law is passed — and pass it will because the ruling party has what Stephen Harper most desires: A majority in both houses of Parliament — Pachamama will gain 11 shiny new rights.

Most of them are pretty basic: The right to life and to exist; the right to continue all her various cycles, from carbon to Krebs, without human interference; the right to pure water and clean air; the right not to be polluted; the right to balance; and the right not to be genetically altered.

Then there's this: Pachamama will enjoy the right "not to be affected by mega-infrastructure and development projects that affect the balance of ecosystems and the local inhabitant communities."

The guys who run the resource companies are howling with boyish laughter. You see, Bolivia has its own brown skeletons in its own sooty closet. More than one-third of its foreign currency comes from the mining of tin, silver, gold, etc., and you can bet Pachamama is feeling more than a little violated on that front.

When you're the world's 100th ranked economy, below Trinidad and Tobago and Turkmenistan, for goodness sake, it's tough to resist the temptation of all that glitters. Without precious metals, Bolivia's largest export is ... soybeans and natural gas, a potent combination for sure.

Ecuador has already tried something like this, but that hasn't stopped anyone from plundering the Amazon. You have to wonder why they even bother — they're just going to end up making themselves depressed as they continue to pollute and genetically modify until one day Pachamama decides to take the law into her own hands.

That may be what's motivating Bolivia: It's not nice to fool Pachamama and she is already showing signs of losing her legendary maternal patience: Bolivian scientists predict temperatures will rise up to 4 C over the next 100 years, all the glaciers will melt and Bolivia will become a desert.

So rather than risk the loss of her affections altogether, all they can do is promise to try to nurture nature. And if they break their promise, she can always complain to the newly established Ministry of Mother Earth.

Good luck with that.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Worth mentioning

LONDON, England. Is there a science of happiness?

A growing band of economists, politicians and academics thinks so — and is putting theory into practice by starting a "mass movement for a happier society."

Action for Happiness launched yesterday in London, encouraging hugging, meditation and random acts of kindness. It is getting underway as the British government asks statisticians to measure the economically battered nation's well-being.

The non-profit group's founders include a former Downing Street policy chief, Tony Blair's biographer and an eminent economist. They say happiness is a deeply serious issue.

Co-founder Richard Layard, emeritus professor of economics at the London School of Economics, says the group "doesn't have any creed or dogma. It's a secular movement, grounded in science."

Increasing numbers of politicians are taking up that mantra. Prime Minister David Cameron has said "it's time we focused not just on GDP but on GWB — general well-being." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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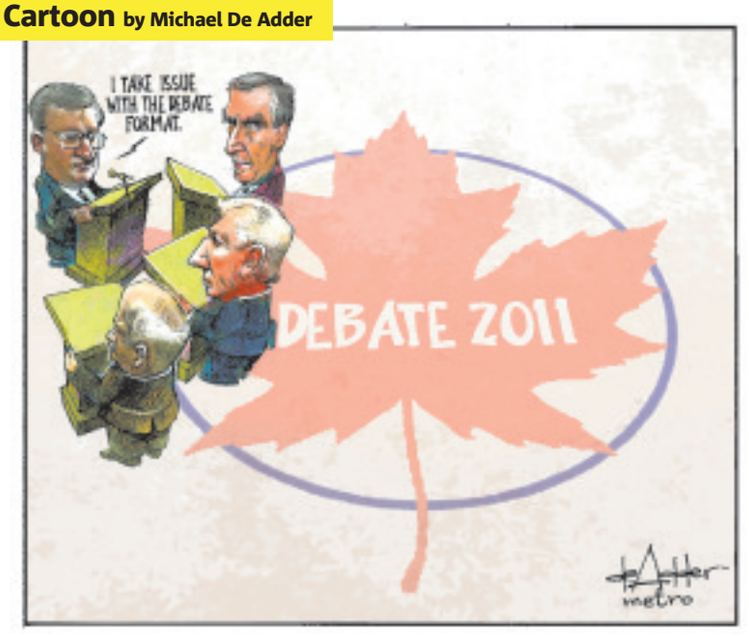

WEIRD NEWS

Snakes on a plain

Instead of a snake in the grass, it was a snake under the sink.

A 75-year-old Winnipeg man got a slithery surprise Saturday after he discovered a six-foot snake under his bathroom sink in his apartment.

The man called police, who notified the city's animal services department, which in turn captured the creature.

Police said they then searched the rest of the building and discovered a suite with more than 50 snakes and other reptiles being hoarded by a 33-year-old man.

Nine snakes believed to be illegal have since been seized and the man is facing charges under the City of Winnipeg exotic animal bylaw.

A spokesperson for the City of Winnipeg animal services department said the majority of snakes or reptiles seized are given to reptile zoos or shelters. Police said there was nothing to indicate the snakes or reptiles, which included a snapping turtle, were being mistreated.

Under Winnipeg's exotic animal bylaw, there is no set number for how many reptiles one person may own, however, venomous reptiles or snakes are illegal in Winnipeg.

ELISHA DACEY

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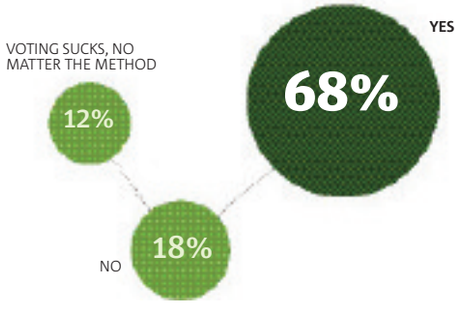

Local tweets

- **@ACup4 KidsLdn:** Post your favourite lemon recipe/food to be entered in a raffle draw for one of two 2-week gift certificates to Moksha Yoga!
- **@ama_rie:** listening to Mayor Joe Fontana address City of #ldnont staff at LCC, feels good to be in public service! http://t.co/cBHjCYV
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- **@379_Deanne:** I am dying of happiness @bretmichaels will be reunited w/ Poison at Rock the Park in #ldnont — time to break out the leopard print!!!!!
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▶ Actress Neve Campbell arrives at the premiere of the Weinstein Company's Scream 4 at Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

15 years of screams

Neve Campbell talks about making Scream 4, and the newcomers to the horror franchise

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Despite how successful the Scream franchise has been for her, Neve Campbell hasn't become an old pro at watching horror movies.

"I usually cover my eyes and scream and cry during horror films," she admits.

But just because her eyes are covered doesn't mean she isn't enjoying herself. "These films are a roller coaster ride," she says of the Scream films. "I think they're great fun to watch."

They're just as much fun to make, she insists, and filming Scream 4 last summer was no different.

"We were having fun during the filming," she says of re-teaming with David Arquette, Courteney Cox and director Wes Craven.

"We would often just go and have dinner and a nice glass of wine and have some laughs, so even during it you're not feeling like it's this really intense experience or dark experience, because there's a lot of humor in these films as well. You can't take them incredibly seriously. Part of the fun of these is that they're so self-referential and make fun of themselves."

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NEVE CAMPBELL ON THE SCREAM FRANCHISE

Although it's been 15 years since Scream — and 11 years since Scream 3 — it didn't take Campbell long to get back in the Woodsboro groove.

"It's been 15 years now we've been doing these characters, so not difficult to jump into," she says. "I had fun watching the films again before we started this, just to get a sense of it, and it was really nice to see that they still hold up really well. But no, it wasn't difficult to get into the characters. With Sidney, it's just imagining her circumstances in doing it."

And while working with Cox and Arquette again was a treat, Campbell was particularly impressed with her younger co-stars, including franchise newcomers Hayden Panettiere and Emma Roberts.

"Courteney and I looked at each other and were like, 'We could be their mothers,'" Campbell says with a laugh.

"But they were good. They came with so much enthusiasm to the project. People keep asking whether we had to show them the ropes, and they're professionals in their own rights. They've had long careers already at young ages, and they came in and they did a great job."

Comic book Cage

A valuable comic featuring the debut of Superman has re-surfaced in a storage locker, and police said Monday that it appears to be the same one stolen from Nicolas Cage more than a decade ago. The mint copy of Action Comics No. 1 was in police custody after being found last week in a San Fernando Valley storage locker. An investigation into its theft and recovery is under way.
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Barney's Version' scribe wins Writers Guild of Canada screenwriting award

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No more vegan, for now

Pregnant Natalie Portman gives in to her desire for dairy

Though a self-proclaimed "vegan activist," Natalie Portman admits she's strayed from her diet's strict rules while pregnant.

"I actually went back to being vegetarian when I became pregnant, just because I felt like I wanted that stuff. I was listening to my body to have eggs and dairy and that sort of stuff," Portman says in an interview. "I actually wanted eggs at the beginning and then they grossed me out after awhile. I know there are people who do stay vegan, but I think you have to just be careful, watch your iron levels and your B12 levels and supplement those if there are things you might be low in your diet." METRO

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▶ Natalie Portman

Still friends with Cox

David Arquette says that while he and Courteney Cox aren't back together, they're still close. "We're best friends. We're not together. We're still separated," he tells Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview. Arquette also doesn't mind Cox spending time with another friend, Cougar Town co-star Josh Hopkins, no matter what the tabloids say. "She went away to St. Bart's with Coco and her best friend and Josh from the show, and I know about all of this," he says. "These tabloids make it like there's some kind of scandal going on. But there's no scandal." METRO

Celebrity tweets

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"Yes, I know I am in "AC" the same night as Charlie Sheen. When Warlocks & Witches collide! When is the Gary Busey tour???"

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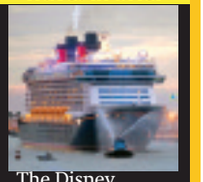

The Disney Cruise Line will set sail from New York, Seattle, and Galveston, Texas, beginning next year. The company said it will offer 20 cruises from New York City aboard the Disney Magic starting on May 25, 2012.

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New website promises beachfront hotels will really be on the beach

Renowned dancer and choreographer Dave St-Pierre is always on the go, but he loves his home city ◐ The dance pioneer guides us through his favourite parts of Montreal

A dancer's Montreal

Every time I come back to Montreal after a few months outside of the country, I say, "OK, I'm home." Actually, Montreal is like a landmark for me. Maybe more than a home, 'cause I could live anywhere. But it feels good to be back here. Every time. Montreal is comforting.

Montreal is like a family. People are open-minded, it's not strange to see two men or two women walking hand-in-hand. Montrealers are friendly. That's probably why tourists miss the city so much when they're back home. Yes they missed the city — because there is a lot of things to do here — but they mostly miss the Montrealers. They miss our energy.

We're also very emotive. We're intense in everything we do. Maybe it's because we have such extremes in our weather — from very cold in the winter to very hot in the summer.

DAVID ST-PIERRE

CANADIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

▶ Cheesy but fun, a horse-drawn 'caleche' tour of the city.

First time?

A walk in Old Montreal is a must. Try it by day and by night. The Basilique Notre-Dame, the Marché Bonsecours, the old Silos, the Old Port, you have to see it all. Walk in the narrowest alleys to discover this part of the city that is from another time. Le Pointe à Callière Museum (pacmusee.qc.ca) — about Montreal's history — is very interesting too. It may sound a bit cheesy, but step back in time and try a calèche tour. The guides will have great, unique stories for you about the city.

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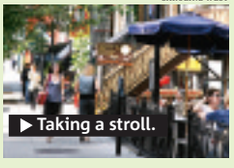

▶ Taking a stroll.

▶ Bily Kun

Stay in

Come to my loft! It's nice and cosy. But there won't be enough room for everyone. But seriously, I would choose a warm bed and breakfast over an impersonal hotel.

Go out

I would suggest an Open Mic evening at a bar like HELM on Bernard Street in the very hipster Mile-End neighbourhood. There are a lot of cool bars on Mont-Royal Avenue too, like Bily Kun, Verre Bouteille or Plan B.

▶ Monastiraki

Shopping!

Go to Boulevard Saint-Laurent, nicknamed the "Main." You'll find a lot of great places from chic boutiques to cool antique shops. My favourite place is Monastiraki (monastiraki.blogspot.com), a small gallery and shop with odd objects, vintage posters and books from contemporary cartoonists.

Been there before?

Take a look at the Belgo building (372 Rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest), where you'll find a lot of art galleries, fashion designers, artists and architects studios and the well-known school dance LADMMI. It's the perfect place to see what's happening in Montreal's art scene and to discover new artists.

Another great place is the Modern Art Museum (macm.org). It's not the Guggenheim, but it's always interesting to spend the afternoon there. Don't be afraid to go in the art galleries too.

Yves Laroche (yveslaroche.com) on Saint-Laurent is a very good one.

If you want to see a dance show, head to the La Chapelle Theater (lachapelle.org). They are offering astounding things right now. They aren't scared to go off the beaten track.

▶ Dance at Lachapelle

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Peggy's Cove turns 200 years old

On the 200th anniversary of Nova Scotia's picture-perfect village by the sea, Peggy's Cove resident Roger Crooks says he'll celebrate the simple life of the past, while lobbying for a future fix-up.

Crooks, 74, is among the 40 remaining residents of this community, famed for its landscape of stark granite boulders, crashing Atlantic seas and the lighthouse on the wind-worn rocks of Peggy's Point.

Starting April 18 and every third Monday following, visitors can attend geology walks that explain the giant boulders known as "erratics" that cover the glacially scoured granite landscape.

There will also be a natural history walk titled Tiptoe through the Tide Pool on June 11 and a Peggy's Cove Road Arts Festival from July 1 to 14.

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Royal honeymoons

Three super-sweet spots inspired by Kate and William and their need for private luxury

Jade Mountain Resort, St. Lucia

Located on Morne Chastanet, overlooking St. Lucia's Pitons and the Caribbean Sea, Jade Mountain has 24 incredible private Infinity Pool Sanctuaries. It's also tech-free — no phones, radios, TVs or computers.

Anantara Dhigu Resort & Spa, Maldives

This property features over-water suites, luxury villas and beach bungalows, all perfect places for newlyweds to nest.

Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos

Built on a private island of 100-acres, Parrot Cay is renown for its beautiful beach, and as an amazing place to indulge in relaxation and romance.

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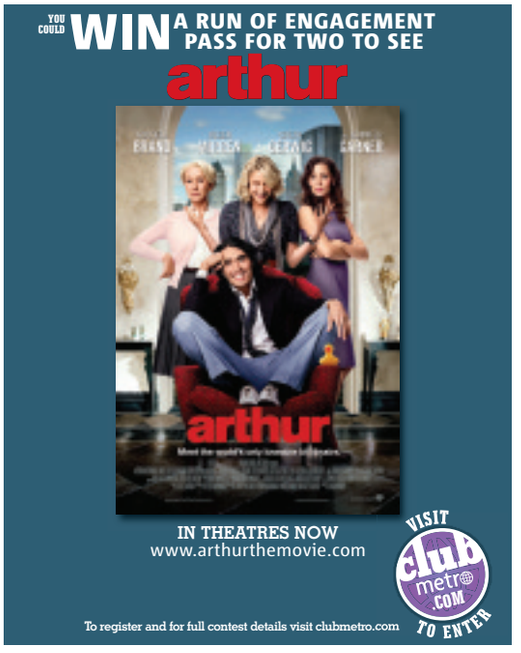

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Travel May 11 - May 18/ac — + taxes & fees $120

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Champions World Resort — + taxes & fees $287
INCLUDES accom near *Walt Disney World* Resort. Departs Jun 12/ggv/wg. Price is per person based on a family of 4. ADD 5-day Magic Your Way Base Ticket for $246 adult, $222 child (3-9 years).

New York Harry Potter: The Exhibition Air + 3 Nights $519◊
Excelsior Hotel — + taxes & fees $117
INCLUDES Manhattan accom during the August long weekend. Visit Harry Potter: The Exhibition in Times Square. Departs Jul 29/ggv/aa.

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Air + 7 Nights $879◊
Castle Kamaole Sands, Ohana Waikiki West — + taxes & fees $137
INCLUDES all air, 4 nights Kihei condo-style accom & 3 nights Waikiki accom with kitchenette. Price per person based on a family of 4. Departs May 5/ggv/dl/ha.

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London Royal Wedding Air + 6 Nights $669
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A fresh treat for kids? Yes, it's possible

After months of holiday-related treats, these lemon squares are refreshing Kids can help to make them

MAYA VISNYEI

This recipe makes 16 lemon squares.

Sometimes, it feels like health-conscious parents can't catch a break.

Just when you've managed to get past the Halloween treats (and the accompanying sugar highs), candy canes show up. And when you're done with those, Valentine's chocolates start appearing. Then they make way for eggs, chocolate bunnies and cream-filled chicks.

I'm looking forward to a few months without a treat-oriented holiday.

Meanwhile, I'm selling my kids on the idea of spring-themed treats as a replacement for excess chocolate eggs. These lemon squares might help me convince them.

If you can find Meyer lemons, they really are worth the extra expense.

Not as sour as regular citrus, they're vibrant tasting and very easy to juice and zest. But any lemon will do.

Addition of the wheat-germ to the crust gives it a nutty flavour, which is a nice foil for the lemony-ness of the squares.

This is a recipe with lots of opportunities for kids to get involved: pressing the crust into the pan, cracking eggs, grating the frozen butter. And, of course, doing what they do best: scarfing back the resulting treats.

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine flour, wheat germ, icing sugar and salt. Grate the sticks of frozen butter with a cheese grater into the flour mixture. Toss the frozen butter curls into the flour mixture until you have a mealy texture. Press the loose dough into 13 x 9 inch (3 L) baking dish and use your hands to flatten it. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.
2. Bake crust in 350 F (180 C) oven for 15 to 18 minutes or until just beginning to turn golden.
3. Filling: In bowl, whisk together sugar, flour, salt, lemon rind and juice, eggs and egg yolk. Whisk until well blended. Gently pour filling mixture onto the hot crust. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until the filling has just set.
4. Allow to cool completely before slicing into squares. Dip your knife in warm water before each cut to ensure clean cuts. **SWEET POTATO CHRONICLES (SWEETPOTATOCHRONICLES.COM)**

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) wheat germ
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) icing sugar
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
- 2 sticks frozen butter

Filling:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) lemon juice (about 4 Meyer lemons)
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- Icing Sugar

Cupcake facts

Here are some facts and about cupcakes.

- **Muffins vs. cupcakes** The method of combining the ingredients differs. Muffins are classed as quick breads and cupcakes are sweeter and frosted.
- **What's new?** Some bakers are experimenting with savoury cupcakes, such as a breakfast-inspired cupcake made with Gruyere cheese, mushrooms and bacon.
- **Additional decorations** These can range from candy and marshmallows to whipped cream, fresh fruit or even popcorn. Try injecting the middle of a baked cupcake with jam.

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The cupcake craze

These sweet, frosted pastries have become all the rage in recent years
London's Connie Hartley, owner of Razzle Dazzle Cupcakes, explains why

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Connie Hartley, the owner of Razzle Dazzle Cupcakes.

Cupcakes are the current darlings of the sweet-tooth brigade.

They are the focus of at least two specialty-channel television programs and umpteen online blogs; there are cupcake conventions, of a sort; one California wine district stages a cupcake- and wine-tasting tour featuring cupcakes with wine as an ingredient; they are even replacing traditional wedding cakes for many brides.

Bakeries devoted exclusively to cupcakes are springing up in cities across Canada to satisfy public taste for the treats.

Connie Hartley opened Razzle Dazzle Cupcakes in London two years ago. It's the city's first cupcake specialty shop.

She and her son Steven, her baker, list 80 flavours on the menu and about 18 of those are available to walk-in customers daily.

That's about 300 cupcakes, all made and decorated on site, and most days they're sold out.

Among her most popular concoctions are red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting, chocolate cake with raspberry frosting, blueberry cake with blueberry frosting, cherry cake with cream cheese frosting and vanilla cake with Skor candy bar pieces and either a vanilla or toffee frosting.

Her personal favourite is vanilla cake with amaretto frosting.

In addition, the shop fills orders for bridal showers, weddings, birthdays, corporate events (sometimes up to 1,000 cupcakes) and has a standing order for every London Knights home-stand hockey game.

Running the shop is not an undertaking for the faint of heart. Hartley is usually there by 4:30 or 5 a.m. and her workday often doesn't end until 7 or 7:30 p.m.

But owning a bakery was a longtime dream for Hartley, a self-taught baker who says she was making cherry pies when she was 10 years old.

She used to own a soup-and-sandwich shop but finds the bakery "allows the artistic side of me to come out."

She thinks the popularity of cupcakes can be attributed to their convenience and endless combinations of cake, frosting and other decorations.

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TANGLED UP IN THE WEB?

Workplace Law

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The workplace no longer has traditional borders. Employees correspond through instant messages, through Facebook and via e-mail. Seldom do they do so exclusively for business purposes. Others, who are bored, unmotivated or underworked, surf the internet for much of their workdays, managing their sports pools, blogging about coworkers, reading the news or dating on-line. Employers have good reason for concern. Lost productivity and potential liability for the actions of their employees have caused most organizations to revisit their computer use policies — or create new ones altogether. Here are some common issues.

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- Employees spending an inordinate amount of time at work accessing the web for personal use can be tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal, with appropriate warnings.

- Internet use that can be considered harassing or discriminatory will be often be grounds for dismissal. In one case, two employees were fired after distributing a vulgar e-mail at work detailing the sexual gymnastics of an overweight female co-worker. In another case a New Brunswick judge upheld the dismissal of an employee finding that his conduct amounted to sexual harassment because the female IT manager who performed an audit on his computer found the websites he visited "offensive".

- Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate coworkers or if they violate hate propaganda or obscenity laws. These employees can end up surfing the classifieds for a lawyer, as well as for a new job.

The full article can be read online at metronews.ca

Students everywhere are going for the green

Young people applying for enviro-programs in droves as jobs increase

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▶ A worker is shown installing solar panels on the roof of a police station in Halifax.

Canadian students are flocking to environment-related programs as experts predict a boost in green sector jobs.

The latest figures show enrolment in university programs, such as land-use planning and conservation biology, have risen dramatically in recent years.

Environment-related college programs have also seen a slight increase in enrolment.

Meanwhile, experts say the country's burgeoning green economy holds many opportunities for graduates willing to step off the beaten path.

While it still represents fewer jobs overall than other fields, the green sector "is an emerging part of the economy that's growing at a faster rate than the traditional pieces," said job expert Alan Kearns, founder of CareerJoy.

Graduates who can market themselves in that economy are likely to be in demand, whether they end up working in a green start-up or co-ordinating a more traditional company's sustainability efforts, he said.

Students are showing a "huge interest" in green jobs, said Laurie Simmonds, president of Green Living, the marketing firm behind the Green Living Show in Toronto.

That's why this year's show will include a green jobs forum on April 16, to help job seekers connect with green sector employers, she said.

Roughly two thirds of green companies expect to hire full-time employees in the next five years, according to a survey performed by ECO Canada last year.

Tom Rand, a clean technology expert who will headline the green jobs forum, said most opportunities available right now involve installing green technologies such as solar panels rather than developing new ones.

At the same time, there's always room for innovation and entrepreneurship, said Andrew Heintzman, chairman of Ontario's climate change advisory panel.

"It's never too early to start thinking about good ideas," he said.

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By the numbers

According to a report released by ECO Canada, a non-profit organization focused on the environment industry:

- The number of students enrolled in environment-related university programs went up roughly 40 per cent between 2000 and 2007.
- Enrolment in similar college programs rose less than one per cent between 2000 and 2005, the report reads.
- In Ontario, however, there's been a boom in green-economy college programs, with 35 new diploma or certificate programs introduced in the past three years, including 14 last fall alone.

Stressed over the big test?

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In the coming months, anxiety rates on college campuses will surely be on the rise as students prepare for final exams. And spring exams create even higher stakes for seniors planning to graduate on time.

But there are plenty of strategies to guard against study burnout.

Dr. Blythe Grossberg, author of Test Success: Test-Taking and Study Strategies for All Students, has been a learning specialist for more than a decade. We asked her for some advice when dealing with exam stress.

Is anxiety and fear ever good when it comes to final exams?

Yes. There's been a lot of research in this area. Stress is somewhat of a bell curve — a little bit of it can make you motivated and function better. We all respond to motivation.

But there's a point where you become overwhelmed, and that's where you're on the downward side of the bell curve, and you'll find it more difficult to concentrate.

What are the most common mistakes in preparing for finals? Students often use what I call passive study strategies.

They're doing things like reading the textbook or just reading over their notes. They're not actively approaching the information.

You need to ask, "What are the major themes that tie this information together? How can I integrate the information into a narrative? What are the five major lessons my professor has been trying to drive home all semester?"

How do you prevent study burnout?

Sit down two weeks or at least a week before the test and plan your study time.

If you just try to cram the night before the test, you won't be able to integrate it very well. Studies show that you don't learn a lot studying for long periods of time. You need breaks and lots of them. Studying for about an hour or two at a time is optimal.

4 sports

Triano focuses on task at hand

Amid the mounting losses and uncertainty about a future that is unclear, Jay Triano has summoned strength from his past.

The Toronto Raptors have just one game left in a season to forget before an off-season full of question marks. Neither Triano's job as head coach, Bryan Colangelo's position as president and GM, nor the immediate continuance of the league itself is a given right now.

But as the late Canadian coaching legend Jack Donohue used to tell Triano, the only thing within his control is today.

"Jack used to tell us, 'Yesterday is a cancelled cheque, and tomorrow is a promisory note, and today is cash in hand,'" Triano said. "So live each day and do the best that you can every single day."

Triano will wrap up his ninth season in Toronto and second as head coach, when the Raptors (22-59) host the Miami Heat (57-24) tonight.

The Raptors have an option for another year on Triano's contract that has to be picked up by June.

Triano and his staff have spoken briefly about the future, yet tried not to dwell on their murky futures.

But Triano, who's Canada's first NBA head coach, said uncertainty is a constant in sports for coaches and athletes.

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▶Toronto Raptors coach Jay Triano

Back in the swing?

Tiger says Canadian swing coach has been key to recent improvement

A new swing and some renewed enthusiasm brought back the old Tiger Woods at last week's Masters.

The former top-ranked golfer, who finished in a tie for fourth place Sunday at Augusta National, was already back at work yesterday, promoting the game of the golf and his sponsors on a trip to China.

"I hit the ball really well on the weekend and made some shots — those are shots I know I can hit. That was fun and exciting," Woods said at the Mission Hills Dongguan clubhouse near the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen. "It's really starting to feel pretty good. This week was a pretty good week."

The 14-time major champion hasn't won a title since returning from a five-month break after revelations of marital infidelity last year. But at the Masters, Woods made a strong run with four birdies and an eagle on the front nine of the final round before faltering on the back.

"I played well and unfortunately just came up a little short on the back nine."
TIGER WOODS ON THE MASTERS

"When I was 25, I was on tour and having a pretty good run out there at the time, won a few tournaments right about that age," Woods said. "And at 35, I haven't won a thing."

He credits Canadian swing coach Sean Foley, who started working with Woods at last year's PGA Championship.

But despite being happy with the overhaul of his driving, Woods told fans during a clinic that his putting was lacking, adding that his next goal is to fine-tune his short game.

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▶ U.S. golfer Tiger Woods throws the ball to his fans during a golf clinic as part of his Asian tour in Mission Hill Dongguan clubhouse, in southern China's Guangdong province, yesterday.

Quoted

"I guess you'll have to wait and find out."
CHRIS PRONGER WHEN ASKED IF HE'LL PLAY IN GAME 1 OF THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS' FIRST-ROUND SERIES AGAINST THE BUFFALO SABRES. THE BIG DEFENCEMAN SAID HE IS "VERY" CONFIDENT HE'LL PLAY IN THE SERIES.

"Some days, you have setbacks. Some days, you take a step forward."

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Oilers will pick first for second straight year

The Edmonton Oilers will pick first overall in the NHL draft again.

Edmonton won the draft lottery last night after finishing its season in 30th place and holding the highest odds of getting the No. 1 pick at 48.2 per cent.

Colorado (18.8 per cent), Florida (14.2 per cent), the New York Islanders (10.7 per cent) and Ottawa (8.1 per cent) were also in the running.

The NHL draft is scheduled for June 24-25 in St. Paul, Minn., where Ryan Nugent-Hopkins of the WHL's Red Deer Rebels is expected to be taken No. 1 overall.

Edmonton selected winger Taylor Hall with last year's first pick.

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Sports in brief

Dallas Stars coach fired

NHL. The Dallas Stars fired coach Marc Crawford on Monday after missing the playoffs in each of his two seasons, extending their post-season drought to three years.

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Getting closer to a rematch

SOCCER. Barcelona and Manchester United moved a step closer to a rematch of the 2009 Champions League final yesterday as both clubs earned victories to extend their first-leg advantage and reach the semis.

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▶ Carey Price will have his chance to shine, or stumble, this spring.

Price takes centre stage

▶ Canadiens goalie will try to make Habs fans forget about Halak
▶ Heads into Game 1 facing Vezina Trophy favourite Tim Thomas

Much has changed for Carey Price since he was forced to watch from the bench last spring as unheralded goalie Jaroslav Halak led the Montreal Canadiens to the Eastern Conference final.

Halak was traded not long after that despite becoming the darling of the Bell Centre crowd.

But then Price asserted his billing as a goaltending prodigy with a breakthrough 2010-11 season, appearing in a career-high 72 games and finishing tied for the league lead with 38 victories.

Now it's playoff time, and it will be up to Price to hold the fort as he tries to make people forget about Halak's feat with his own string of upsets.

It starts in Boston, where the slick-skating Canadiens begin what should be a tight first-round series against the Bruins tomorrow night (CBC, 7 p.m. ET).

"I'll just keep on doing what I've been doing all season," Price said yesterday.

"It's not just me out there, there's other guys, too. I'm not going to put all that burden on myself."
CANADIENS GOALTENDER CAREY PRICE

The playoffs have not been kind to Price in recent years, but that was a younger, less disciplined version of the goaltender.

After he came out of junior hockey and led the Hamilton Bulldogs to an AHL championship in 2007, the 2005 fifth overall draft pick won the starting job in Montreal. He posted two shutouts in a first-round victory over the Bruins in the 2008 post-season.

Price hasn't won in the playoffs since.

He takes an eight-game playoff winless run into the Boston series.

"Every year's a new year so you never know what's going to happen," he said.

It may be a rough series for Price. The Bruins like to crowd the net and have the big men to do it, starting with rugged winger Milan Lucic, who had nine points in six games against Montreal this season.

Mostly, Price wants his chance to revel in the excitement of a playoff run.

"Playing at this time of the year in this city is special. Now everyone's got their flags out, Ste. Catherine Street is going to be pretty wild. Everyone's all wrapped up, but the guys in this locker-room have to stay calm and keep on doing what's made us successful. Not tighten up or get nervous." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pens enter Round 1 lacking

Mario Lemieux and Ron Francis. Jaromir Jagr. Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Every Pittsburgh Penguins team that has reached the NHL playoffs since the 1980s has featured the NHL's best player, one of its top scorers, or both.

Except these playoffs.

The Lightning possess more offensive depth, more proven scorers, more stars than the Penguins, who begin the post-season without knowing if megastar Crosby will take another shift until October.

Crosby, out with a concussion, skated with teammates during practice yesterday but has not been cleared for contact. He is all but certain to miss the series.

"There's no change in Sidney Crosby's status," coach Dan Bylsma said yesterday.
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Eastern Conference

Capitals vs. Rangers

(No. 1) **[Season series, Rangers 3-1-0]** The Capitals goals this season were preparing for the playoffs and improved defence.

(No. 8) Goalie Henrik Lundqvist led the league with 11 shutouts and offers New York a chance to upset.

Flyers vs. Sabres

(No. 2) **[Season series, Flyers 2-1-1]** There's uncertainty in goal in Philly. Sergei Bobrovsky will start the series as the No. 1 man but could be replaced if he stumbles.

(No. 7) Buffalo has been scorching hot since the all-star break. Ryan Miller is back after missing time with an upper-body injury.

Bruins vs. Canadiens

(No. 3) **[Season series, Canadiens 4-2-0]** Boston's Tim Thomas is the favourite for the Vezina Trophy after setting an NHL record with a .938 save percentage.

(No. 6) Montreal's Carey Price tied for the league lead with 38 wins. The Habs will need a huge playoff from him to go far.

Pens vs. Lightning

(No. 4) **[Season series tied 2-2-0]** The Penguins managed to hang tough despite playing without Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin for almost half a season.

(No. 5) Tampa returns to the post-season after missing the last three years and should have the edge offensively with Pittsburgh missing its two stars.
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Western Conference

Canucks vs. Hawks

(No. 1) **[Season series, Canucks, 2-1-1]** Nothing short of a Stanley Cup will do for the Canucks, who had the NHL's best record.

(No. 8) Chicago beat Vancouver in playoffs the last two years but are an underdog this time around.

Sharks vs. Kings

(No. 2) **[Season series, Sharks 3-1-2]** Goalie Antti Niemi will be looking to win the Stanley Cup for the second time in as many years.

(No. 7) Los Angeles enters the series without leading scorer Anze Kopitar, but is hoping to get Justin Williams back from a dislocated shoulder.

Wings vs. Coyotes

(No. 3) **[Season series, Coyotes 2-0-2]** Detroit stumbled down the stretch and Henrik Zetterberg will be out of the lineup for at least the start of the series.

(No. 6) The Coyotes put together another solid year despite only having one player (Shane Doan) reach 20 goals.

Ducks vs. Predators

(No. 4) **[Season series Predators, 3-1-0]** The Ducks roared into the playoffs in large part due to Corey Perry, who scored 19 goals in the final 16 games.

(No. 5) Nashville is hoping to advance past the first round for the first time in franchise history. Goalie Pekka Rinne has been the team's top performer with a .930 save percentage and 2.12 goals-against average. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Engine

Returning for 2011 is the base 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, although its redesigned engine mounts are claimed to lessen the amount of noise and vibration that made life unpleasant for many Sebring owners who selected this engine.

Newly optional is a 283-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that replaces the previous six-cylinder offerings.

Facelift

Physically, the 200 still resembles the Sebring of old, but with cleaned-up front-end styling, including a new hood, fenders, grille and projector-style headlights that give the car a classier appearance.

The 200 now closely connects with the full-size Chrysler 300 that has undergone a similar facelift. At the opposite end, a new trunk lid, fenders, bumper and tail lamps also play a part in the Sebring-to-200 transformation.

Interior

Even more radical surgery has been performed on the car's interior. The overtly plastic instrument panel has been restyled and covered in richer-looking soft-touch material and the seats and seat coverings have been upgraded for much-needed comfort and eye appeal.

Topping it off is a new steering wheel with integrated controls for the audio and communications systems.

▶ The nose of the 200 falls in line with the remade Chrysler 300. A better suspension and heavily upgraded interior, along with a new V6 engine, highlight the major improvements.

The 200 has more than just a name change

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Chrysler's wave of new and updated models has been nothing short of spectacular.

And among the cars requiring urgent attention was the automaker's Sebring sedan and convertible, now referred to as the 200 series.

In the mid-size class, the Sebring was the wallflower of the group.

Not especially popular — and outclassed by its peers — the car had become all but shunned by the vast majority of buyers who preferred to dance with the Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Malibu, to name just a few of the alternatives.

BASE PRICE: $21,500

Chrysler's new Fiat-controlled management group will replace the 200 with an entirely new car in a few years, but for now a new name, fresh sheetmetal and a major engine upgrade will have to suffice.

Are the changes enough to erase any negative thoughts about the previous Sebring? Probably not entirely, but considering the short lead time to develop a stop-gap solution, Chrysler's design and engineering teams have managed to perform a minor miracle.

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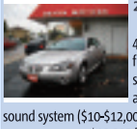

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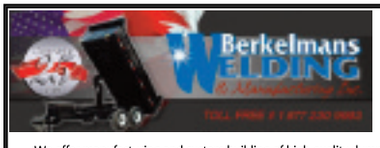

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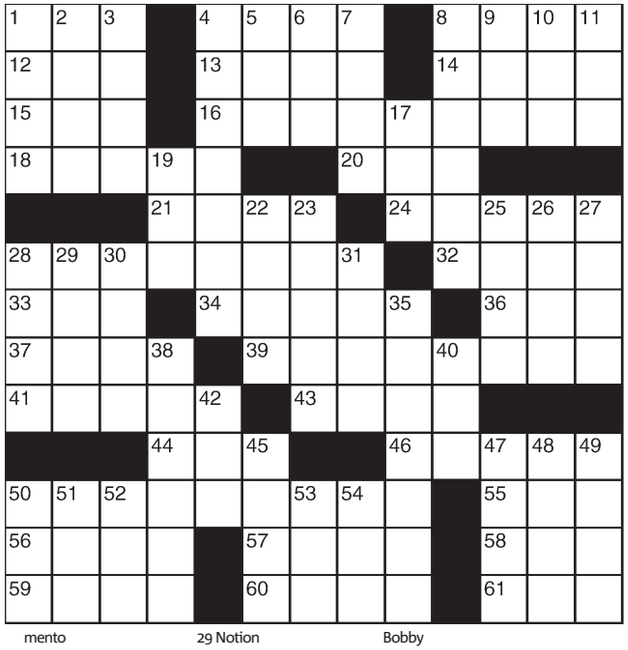

Across

1 Nevertheless, for short
4 Head light?
8 Bigfoot's cousin
12 That girl
13 Unpaid
14 Verve
15 Curved line
16 Variety of paper
18 Destruction
20 Edge
21 Moist
24 Jaunty chapeau
28 Democratic Republic of the Congo capital
32 Pay heed to
33 Rhyming tribute
34 Commune of Tuscany
36 "— Town"
37 Get wind of
39 Lollipop Guild member
41 Absorb eagerly
43 Be too fond of, with "on"
44 — -relief
46 Insurrectionist
50 Picture tube
55 Seine liquid
56 Divisible by two
57 — and crafts
58 Donkey
59 Obtains
60 Bikini parts
61 To the — degree

Down

1 Dissolve
2 Frau's man
3 Killer whale
4 Water pipes
5 Plant bristle
6 Mainlander's memento
7 Stench
8 Sycophants
9 Wapiti
10 Skater Babilonia
11 Hostel
17 Pen point
19 LPs' successors
22 Cripple
23 Intellectual pretender
25 Castle
26 Needle case
27 Gull's cousin
28 Former German chancellor Helmut
29 Notion
30 Tide type
31 Part of A.D.
35 Streep, for one
38 Flemish painter
40 Haw preceder
42 — de deux
45 Wound cover
47 Succotash component
48 Right on the map?
49 Luxurious
50 Small barrel
51 "— Got a Secret"
52 Profit
53 Hoockey great Bobby
54 Sch. org.

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

	5		9	1	2		3	
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				8				
1	4		3		6		2	5
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9								4
	2		4	3	7		1	

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Michelle M. I think about you every day love **TIMMY**

SAWS, I had to do this at least once in my life. One more check on my bucket list. Let's finish our crossword and sudoku today. We can do it! **RHEA**

Michelle, I have done many things that I regret till this day, but meeting you & falling in love is not one of them! I love you so much, and I know it's hard to believe me now, but it's true. Love, **YOUR CUDDLE-BEAR**

Where do I even begin, Abi? You are so ridiculously weird and crazy, but I love you & can't thank you enough for being such a great friend. Don't let anybody get to you, ok? Looking forward to our girls' day out this Saturday. Love you, you bum! I hope I surprise you with this! :) **LOVE, VQ**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 There's nothing brave about keeping pain to yourself when loved ones are ready to assist.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Negative thinking tends to be self-fulfilling. Always stay positive.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A long-term friendship will be strengthened in some way over the next 24 hours.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You seem able to twist authority figures around your little finger. Take advantage of it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Let those who want to take away your right to speak for yourself know that you will fight them.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Let fear get the better of you, and you'll will miss out on fun.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you make a decision on emotion alone, you will most likely regret it by the end of the week.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Others say what you are planning is foolish and doomed to fail. Will that stop you? Nope.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Changes on the work front may be unsettling, but they will work in your favour.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Travel plans are well starred. If you feel the urge to get away for a while, just do it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A few encouraging words could have a loved one smiling.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. A partnership issue will be resolved in your favour very soon. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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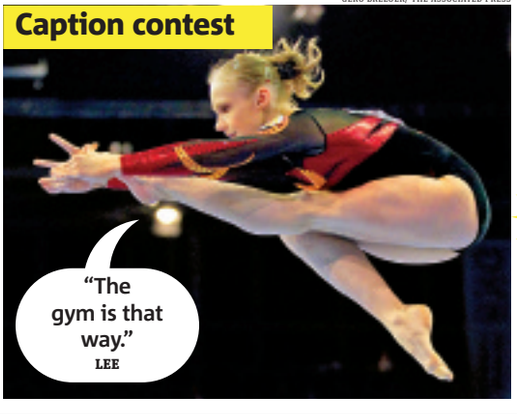

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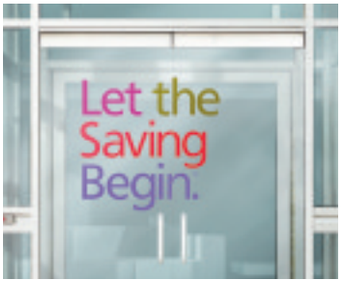

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